

2008-2009 HUNTING SEASONS MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

IMPORTANT ITEMS/CHANGES FOR 2008-2009:
*CANVASBACK SEASON IS CLOSED STATEWIDE.
*Daily bag limit on scaup are:
 West Zone: 1 per day Nov.8 -30 and Dec. 13 - 29; 2 per day Dec. 30 - Jan. 18.
 East Zone: 1 per day Nov. 15 - 30 and Dec. 13 - Jan. 5; 2 per day Jan. 6 - 25.
*Non-toxic shot is required on all WMAs for the taking of rails and gallinules, but not for snipe.

SEASONS	WEST	EAST
YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTS	Nov. 1-2	Nov. 8-9
DUCKS AND COOTS	Nov. 8-30 Dec. 13 - Jan. 18	Nov. 15-30 Dec. 13 - Jan. 25
LIGHT & WHITE-FRONTED GEESE	Nov. 8-30 Dec. 13 - Jan. 30	Nov. 3-30 Dec. 13 - Jan. 25
CANADA GEESE	Jan. 10-25	
RAILS AND GALLINULES	Sept. 13-28 Nov. 8 - Dec. 31	
SNIPE	Nov. 1-30 Dec. 13 - Feb. 27	
DOVES	NORTH	SOUTH
	Sept. 6-21 Oct. 11 - Nov. 9 Dec. 13 - Jan. 5	Sept. 6-14 Oct. 18 - Nov. 30 Dec. 20 - Jan. 5

LICENSE INFORMATION

Resident Waterfowl Hunter: Any resident age 16 to 59, must carry a valid Louisiana Duck License (\$5.50), a Federal Duck Stamp (\$15) signed in ink across the face and a Louisiana HIP Permit (obtained free). The hunter must also carry one of the following licenses:
Basic Hunting License.....\$15
Louisiana Sportsman’s Paradise.....\$100
Lifetime license holders must also have the Federal Duck Stamp and HIP permit. Residents who turned 60 after June 1, 2000 are required to have a Senior Hunt/Fish License (\$5) and a HIP permit.

Non-resident Waterfowl Hunter: Non-residents must purchase the Non-resident Louisiana Duck License (\$25), a Federal Duck Stamp, HIP permit and one of the following:
Non-resident Hunting Season.....\$150
Non-resident Hunting Trip 5-day.....\$100
Non-resident Migratory Game Bird 3-day.....\$75
Non-resident life-time license holders must also have the Federal Duck Stamp and HIP permit. Licenses and HIP permits may be obtained from any license vendor, via phone at 1-888-765-2602, or from LDWF’s website: www.wlf.louisiana.gov.

NOTE: Any waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must have a Federal Duck Stamp.

SELF-CLEARING PERMITS

Self-clearing permits are not required for migratory bird hunting on the following WMAs: Atchafalaya Delta, Biloxi, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador/Timken and Wisner.

SHOOTING HOURS

1. **Snipe, woodcock, ducks, teal, coots, geese, rails and gallinules:** One-half hour before official sunrise to official sunset.

2. **Mourning Doves:** One-half hour before official sunrise to official sunset, except noon to official sunset on Sept. 6.

3. **EXCEPTIONS:** Waterfowl hunting until 2 p.m. only on all WMAs except Biloxi, Pass-a-Loutre and Wisner, which will be the same as outside; and except Lake Boeuf, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador/ Timken which will be one-half hour before sunrise until noon; and except Atchafalaya Delta which will be one-half hour before sunrise until 2 p.m. on opening weekends (Saturday and Sunday) of teal season and each split of the regular duck season and same as outside during remainder of season. Obtain separate pamphlet for wildlife management areas schedule.

All blinds and decoys must be removed within one hour after the close of shooting hours each day on all wildlife management areas. Unattended decoys will be confiscated, forfeited to, and disposed of by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

RAILS: Sept. 13-28 and Nov. 8 - Dec. 31.
King and clapper rails- daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate, possession 30.
Sora and Virginia rails- daily bag and possession limit 25 in the aggregate.

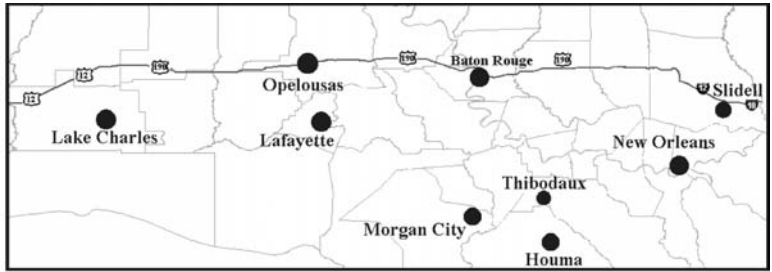
GALLINULES: Sept. 13-28 and Nov. 8 - Dec. 31. Daily bag limit 15, possession 30.

SNIPE: Nov. 1-30 and Dec. 13 -Feb. 27. Daily bag limit 8, possession 16.

WOODCOCK: Dec. 18- Jan. 31. Daily bag limit 3, possession 6.

SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON: Sept. 13-28. Daily bag limit 4, possession 8. Blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal only.

DOVE HUNTING ZONES



Dove Hunting Zones: The state shall be divided into **North and South Dove Hunting Zones** by the following boundary: Beginning at the Texas-Louisiana border on LA 12; thence east along LA 12 to its intersection with US 190; thence east along US 190 to its intersection with I-12; thence east along I-12 to its intersection with I-10, thence east along I-10 to the Mississippi state line.

DOVES


North Zone Dates: Sept. 6-21, Oct. 11 - Nov. 9 and Dec. 13 - Jan.5.

South Zone Dates: Sept. 6-14, Oct. 18 - Nov. 30 and Dec. 20 - Jan. 5.

Daily aggregate bag 15, aggregate bag possession limit 30 of mourning doves and white-winged doves. Eurasian collared-doves and ringed turtle-doves may only be hunted or taken during the open mourning dove season. There is no bag limit on Eurasian collared doves or ringed turtle-doves provided that a fully feathered wing and head remain attached to the carcass of the bird. Fully dressed Eurasian collared-doves and ringed turtle-doves (those without a fully feathered wing and head naturally attached to the carcass)

shall be included in the daily bag limit for mourning doves. The bag limit for mourning doves, white-winged doves and fully dressed Eurasian collared and ringed turtle-doves is 12 in the aggregate.

WATERFOWL HUNTING ZONES



Waterfowl Hunting Zones: The state shall be divided into **East and West Hunting Zones** by the following boundary: Beginning at the Arkansas-Louisiana border on LA 3; thence south along LA 3 to Bossier City; thence east along I-20 to Minden; thence south along LA 7 to Ringgold; thence east along LA 4 to Jonesboro; thence south along US 167 to Lafayette; thence southeast along US 90 to the Mississippi state line.

DUCKS AND COOTS

West Zone: (60 days) Nov. 8-30 and Dec. 13 - Jan. 18.

East Zone: (60 days) Nov. 15-30 and Dec. 13- Jan. 25.

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days:

West Zone: Nov. 1-2.

East Zone: Nov. 8-9.

Waterfowl hunters age 15 and younger, when accompanied by an adult (age 18 and older), may take ducks, geese, mergansers, coots and gallinules on these days. Bag limits are the same as regular duck season. The adult may not hunt ducks on these days.

CANVASBACK SEASON IS CLOSED STATEWIDE.

Daily Bag Limits: The daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 1 pintail, 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 3 mottled ducks and 2 redheads. The daily bag limit on coots is 15.

Scaup daily bag limit:

West Zone: 1 per day Nov.8-30 and Dec. 13-29; 2 per day Dec. 30 - Jan. 18.

East Zone: 1 per day Nov. 15-30 and Dec. 13 - Jan. 5; 2 per day Jan. 6-25.

Merganser daily bag limit: 5; only 2 of which may be a hooded merganser. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.

Possession Limit: The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit.

GEESE

Light Geese (Snow, Blue and Ross’ Geese):

West Zone: Nov. 8-30 and Dec. 13 - Jan. 30.

East Zone: Nov. 3-30 and Dec. 13 - Jan. 25.

Daily bag limit is 20. There is no possession limit for snow, blue and Ross’ geese.

White-Fronted (Specklebelly) Geese:

West Zone: Nov. 8-30 and Dec. 13 - Jan. 30.

East Zone: Nov. 3-30 and Dec. 13 - Jan. 25.

Daily bag limit is 2, possession 4.

CONSERVATION ORDER FOR LIGHT GEESE

West Zone: Dec. 1-12 and Jan. 31 - Mar. 8.

East Zone: Dec. 1-12 and Jan. 26 - Mar. 8.

Only snow, blue and Ross’ geese may be taken under the terms of the conservation order, which allows the use of electronic calls and unplugged shotguns and eliminates the daily bag and possession limits. Shooting hours begins one-half before sunrise and extends until one-half hour after sunset.

CANADA GOOSE SEASON - JAN. 10-25

Closed in the following area: Beginning at the Texas State Line, proceeding east along Hwy. 82 to the Calcasieu Ship Channel, then north along the Calcasieu Ship Channel to its junction with the Intracoastal Canal, then east along the Intracoastal Canal to its juncture with LA Hwy. 82, then south along LA Hwy. 82 to its juncture with Parish Road 3147 to Freshwater Bayou Canal, then south to the Gulf of Mexico, then west along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico to the Texas State Line, then north to the point of beginning at LA Hwy. 82. Open waters of Lake Arthur and the Mermentau River from the Hwy. 14 bridge southward will also be closed to Canada goose hunting.

The daily bag limit for Canada geese is 1. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

A special permit is required to participate in the Canada Goose Season. A permit is required of everyone, regardless of age, and a non-refundable \$5 administrative fee will be charged. This permit may be obtained from any license vendor.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

In addition to state regulations, the following federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting and storing of migratory game birds. NOTICE-The material below is only a summary; each hunter should also consult the actual federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

NON-TOXIC SHOT REGULATIONS (STATEWIDE): No person shall take migratory waterfowl while possessing shot other than steel shot or approved substitute. This restriction applies only to ducks, geese, brant, swans and coots. Steel shot or approved substitute is required statewide for taking these species.

RESTRICTIONS: No person shall take migratory game birds:

- with a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel guns, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.
- with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without dissembling the gun.

- from a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
- from or with the aid of a car or other motor driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. Paraplegic means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body, which involves both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.
- from or by means of any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled, and its progress there from has ceased.
- by the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.
- using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- by driving, rallying, or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sailboat to put them in the range of the hunter.
- by the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement or on or over any baited area). Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

CLOSED SEASON: No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

SHOOTING OR HAWKING HOURS: No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting and hawking as prescribed.

DAILY BAG LIMIT: No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit.

FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT: No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one’s car, hunting camp, home, etc.

WANTON WASTE: All migratory birds shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

TAGGING

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

- 1. **The hunter’s signature .**
- 2. **The hunter’s address .**
- 3. **The total number of birds involved, by species.**
- 4. **The dates such birds were killed.**

Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

POSSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS: Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

DRESSING

No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and bandtailed pigeons) and then transport the bird from

the field. The head or one fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one’s home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

SHIPMENT

No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the birds; (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

IMPORTATION

For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between a port of entry and one’s home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in a foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20:63), drawn and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP (DUCK STAMP)

Federal law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and over must carry on his person a valid Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, or duck stamp, signed in ink across the face. Hunters under 16 may voluntarily purchase a duck stamp and help preserve wetlands for waterfowl.

DUAL VIOLATION: Violation of state migratory bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations.

REFERENCE: Federal Regulations related to Migratory Game Birds are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

CAUTION: More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on federal regulations, contact the following U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services’ Special Agents: **Slidell (985) 882-3756**
Lafayette (337) 291-311 4
Monroe (318) 325-1735

The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are considered to be in full force and effect along with all applicable statutory laws.

HUNTER ETHICS AND SAFETY

- Respect your fellow hunter - don’t crowd in and do obey the game laws.
- Shoot in range and use a retriever to reduce crippling losses.
- Share your outdoor experiences - take a youth hunting.
- For your safety and that of your friends, always be alert to natural and man-made hazards.
- Handle guns carefully. Remember, large shotshell pellets carry long distances. Be sure your field of fire is clear of other hunters, dwellings or domestic animals.

REPORT BIRD BANDS	
Call toll free 800-327-BAND (2263), 24 hours a day, to report migratory bird leg bands. The operator will need to know the band number and how, when and where it was recovered. You will receive a Certificate of Appreciation with information about the bird. The band is yours to keep. You can also report bands online at www.reportband.gov or by writing to Bird Banding Lab, 12100 Beech Forest Road, Laurel, MD 20708	

SUNRISE AND SUNSET - NEW ORLEANS AREA
Central Standard Time
(Add one hour when on Daylight Savings Time)

DAY	SEPT. Rise Set A.M. P.M.	OCT. Rise Set A.M. P.M.	NOV. Rise Set A.M. P.M.	DEC. Rise Set A.M. P.M.
1	5:37 6:23	5:53 5:46	6:14 5:14	6:38 5:00
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SUNRISE AND SUNSET CONVERSION TABLE FOR OTHER AREAS

For the other areas listed, add the number of minutes shown in the monthly table below to the daily figures given in the New Orleans Area table above. This will furnish central standard time sunrise and sunset figures for any particular day in these areas.


	Alex.		B.R.		Lafay.		L.C.		Mon.		Shrev.	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
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Sep.	9	11	4	5	8	8	12	13	6	10	13	17
Oct.	11	10	5	4	7	8	13	12	9	7	16	14
Nov.	12	8	5	3	8	7	13	12	11	4	18	11
Dec.	13	7	5	3	8	7	13	12	13	2	21	10
Jan.	13	7	6	3	8	7	13	11	13	2	20	10
Feb.	10	9	4	4	8	8	12	12	9	6	16	14
Mar.	10	11	4	5	7	8	12	13	8	9	14	16
Apr.	8	12	3	5	8	8	12	12	6	11	11	19



2008 Louisiana Duck Stamp by Jeff Klinefelter
The print depicts two golden Labrador retrievers and wood ducks. This is the fourth of LDWF’s series featuring retrievers.



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